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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

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- 3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).
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- 6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.
 - as suggested by the applicant.
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 - because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C06C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Information on patent family members

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

2-10 as originally filed

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Claims, No.:

6,7 as originally filed

1-5 as received on 18/10/2001 with letter of 18/10/2001

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

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5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 1-7
No: Claims

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 1-7
No: Claims

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-7
No: Claims

**2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet**

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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SECTION V

1. Novelty and inventive step (Art 33(2) and (3) PCT.)

1.1. The present application fulfils the requirements for novelty and inventive step.

The present application claims a non-toxic and non-corrosive ignition mixture free of the commonly used diazodinitrophenol ("dinol"), a substance suspected to be carcinogenic. The ignition mixture comprises nitroesters or nitramines as fuel, tetrazene or a tetrazole derivates as sensitizer, oxidizing agents, amorphous boron and a friction agent.

1.2. Documents cited in the international search report:

US-A-5 167 736, US-A-5 216 199, US-A-5 547 528 and US-A-5 567 252 disclose ignition mixtures comprising diazodinitrophenol.

FR-A-2 021 662 discloses ignition compound comprising a diazo derivate. The compound does not contain any boron.

DE 12 43 067 B discloses a primer composition comprising toxic heavy metals such as lead or barium.

1.3. The presently claimed composition and its improvements could not have been predicted and justify inventivity.

SECTION VIII

2. Clarity (Art. 64 PCT).

2.1. The embodiment of the invention described on pages 2 and 5 ("boron") does not fall within the scope of the claims ("amorphous boron"). This inconsistency between the claims and the description leads to doubt concerning the matter for which protection is sought, thereby rendering the claims unclear (Article 6 PCT).

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(54) Title: NON-TOXIC AND NON-CORROSIVE IGNITION MIXTURE

(57) Abstract: A non-toxic and non-corrosive ignition mixture is created by combining the energy system and the pyrotechnic system. The energy system comprises a high explosive from the groups of nitroesters and nitramines and a sensibiliser of the type of tetrazene or derivatives of tetrazoles for its activation. The pyrotechnic system comprises an oxidizing agent from the group of oxides and peroxides of metals, from the group of salts of inorganic oxygen-containing acids, and a fuel which is amorphous boron. The mixture is supplemented with a friction agent which is preferably ground glass. Nitrocellulose, polyvinyl alcohol and acacia gum are used as bonding agents. Mixtures are utilizable in the field of ammunition production for the production of primers, especially for central ignition cartridges.

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Non-toxic and non-corrosive ignition mixture**Technical field**

The invention concerns the field of ammunition production, especially the production of ignition mixtures for hunting and sports ammunition.

Background Art

All sorts of known ignition mixtures, which are presently used, i.e. both already dated mixtures based on mercuric fulminate, calcium chlorate and antimony sulphide, and newer non-corrosive mixtures based on tetrazene, lead trinitroresorcinate, lead dioxide, calcium silicide and antimony sulphide, emit during discharge a large amount of toxic heavy metals and they do not meet the environmental standards. That is why an extensive research has been carried out in the last ten years with an aim to develop a mixture that would not contain compounds of heavy metals such as lead, barium, mercury, antimony, and, at the same time, would retain non-corrosive properties of tricinicate mixtures. The result is a mixture in which an aromatic diazo compound without metal content – dinol - fulfils the function of a primary explosive and tetrazene remains as a sensibilizer. The pyrotechnic system is in this case composed of a new oxidizing agent, zinc peroxide and titanium powder. The mixture can contain also other components such as friction agents, typically ground glass, and active propellants such as various sorts of nitrocellulose and nitroglycerine powders.

Mixtures based on dinol are also known in which basically only the pyrotechnic system is modified. Oxidizing agents used include various oxides of metals – potassium nitrate, strontium nitrate, basic nitrates of copper and copper-ammonium nitrate and tin compounds. Neither these mixtures are a final solution. The basic problem here is the primary explosive itself – dinol. It is a carcinogenic compound with very unpleasant physiological effects. That is why there have been noted attempts to avoid dinol completely. EP 0656332 A1, in which the mixture is based only on pyrotechnic system and does not contain any explosive, offers one such solution. Here, the propellant is a hyperactive zircon powder, the oxidizing agent is a mixture of potassium nitrate and manganese dioxide, and the energy component is penthrite.

There is no doubt that this mixture is according to the data of the inventors fully functional even though here a serious problem can also arise. It can be zircon itself. As the inventors themselves state, the active form of zircon is ignited by the influence of minute energy impulse both mechanically and thermally. It is well known that highly active metal powders, especially zircon, are pyrophoric and extremely reactive. They react both with air oxygen creating oxides and with air nitrogen creating nitrides and also with humidity creating hydrides. During transportation and storage, they have to be stored under water and during the production of mixtures water must be displaced using a water-immiscible organic solvent. According to the inventors, isopropyl alcohol is the most advantageous. The technology is then based on classical embroating of pasty mixture into primer caps, however with the difference that the bonding agent is not an aqueous solution of the given organic compound but a solution of aerosil in isopropyl alcohol. During the production and the feeding of such mixtures, serious problems can arise such as handling extremely reactive zircon and moreover also technological problems resulting from the use of large amounts of organic solvents during the production.

Disclosure of the Invention

The above drawbacks are solved and totally removed by a non-toxic and non-corrosive ignition mixture the essence of which lies in that in the energy system, the primary explosive of the dinol type is replaced by a high explosive, which is activated by a sensibilizer of the tetrazene type or by salts and derivatives of tetrazoles. Nitroesters such as penthrite and hexanitromanite but also nitrocellulose in the form of granulate and also nitroamines such as hexogene, octogene and tetryle, can be used as the high explosive. In order to increase the ignition power, the mixture must be supplemented with an appropriate pyrotechnic system. Mixtures with powder boron turned out to be the most suitable, especially those with brown, so-called amorphous, boron with large specific surface which in the case of commonly available specimens reaches 5 to 25 m²/g. Extensive testing has proven that amorphous boron is an excellent fuel and that it is able to create a perfect redox-system with any metal oxide, independent of valence, further with metal peroxides and all known salts of inorganic oxygen-containing acids.

Into the pyrotechnic system with boron, oxidizing agents can be selected from the group of compounds such as oxides of univalent metals: cuprous (I) - Cu₂O, bivalent: cupric (II) -

CuO, zinc (II) - ZnO, oxides of multivalent metals: bismuth (III) - Bi₂O₃, bismuth (IV) - BiO₂ and bismuth (V) - Bi₂O₅, ferric (III) - Fe₂O₃, manganese (IV) - MnO₂, stannic (IV) - SnO₂, vanadic (V) - V₂O₅ and molybdenum (VI) - MoO₃, peroxides of zinc - ZnO₂ and calcium - CaO₂, saltpetre - KNO₃ and some special salts such as basic bismuth nitrates - 4BiNO₃(OH)₂·BiO(OH) and BiONO₃·H₂O, basic copper nitrate - Cu(NO₃)₂·3Cu(OH)₂, diammo-copper nitrate - Cu(NH₃)₂(NO₃)₂, basic tin nitrate - Sn₂O(NO₃)₂. Boron creates the fastest burning system with compounds of bismuth. Systems with the highest heating effect originate when potassium nitrate, cupric oxide, ferric oxide and manganese oxide are used. The products of combustion can be both low-melting boron (III) oxide - B₂O₃ and volatile boron (II) oxide - BO which is more stable at higher temperatures, possibly also boron nitride - BN. The presence of these compounds in the products of combustion is very desirable from the viewpoint of perfect ignition of powder cartridge charges. In spite of its extraordinary reactivity, boron is chemically stable and it is not dangerous for handling. The expenses related to boron are compensated by its minimal content in stoichiometric mixtures, which does not exceed 20 weight percent. In order to increase sensitivity to strike by a blow, it is necessary to supplement the mixture with an appropriate friction agent, which is ground glass.

Considering that ignition mixtures produced in this way are in a very fine form it seems that the most suitable technology is handling when wet and, therefore, the mixture can also contain a certain amount of a water-soluble bonding agent. Commonly known bonding agents such as acacia gum, dextrin, polyvinyl alcohol, carboxymethyl cellulose and others are the most suitable. Should it be necessary to handle the mixture when dry, it would need to be granulated first. Granulation can be done both by using the above-mentioned bonding agents in water solutions or by using bonding agents soluble in organic solvents, e.g. nitrocellulose in acetone. The pyrotechnic system can be also grained after pressing and the grained product can be later used in the mixtures. In this case, the mixture does not have to contain any bonding agent because it can be easily fed when dry.

Within several years extensive tests have been performed both with primer caps filled with mixtures of the invention and with ammunition equipped with these primer caps.

The results of said functional tests show that it is possible, by a suitably chosen combination of the energy and pyrotechnic systems, to achieve desired characteristics of the mixture for a particular type of the primer. For example, for the smallest types of primer caps having the shortest reaction times, destined for the pistol and revolver ammunitions, it is necessary that

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the energy and pyrotechnic systems show as high reactivity as possible and have a high energy content at the same time. Primers showing the highest reactivity include nitro esters, which can be most easily initiated, among them mainly mannite hexanitrate, which is however predestined for special use due to its high cost and somewhat lower chemical stability. On the other hand, penthrite has shown itself as an ideal explosive with a wide range of utility. Similarly, nitrocellulose is a universal and multipurpose explosive, which can play roles of the combustible, the propellant and the binder at the same time. Nitramines are at a lower level in terms of effect than nitro esters and their initiability is lower. This renders them useful in primer caps having larger dimensions and longer reaction times, wherein they can be applied better than nitro esters, the very high effect of which could even be disadvantageous in some cases.

For comparison, results are presented of measurements of the primer caps 4.4/0.4 BOXER, destined for cartridges 9 mm LUGER, by the method DROP-TEST, in which we obtained a graphical function of the pressure values in dependence on the reaction time of the primer. The mixture of Example 20 was compared to a classical mixture based on lead trinitroresorcinate, the charge of which in the primer cap is by about 20 % higher. For both mixtures, identical values were obtained for maximal pressures - 100 bars – and reaction times – 100 microseconds.

Parameters of inner ballistics of the cartridge 9 mm LUGER with the primer cap filled with the above-described mixture were also measured. When a suitably chosen powder is used, it is possible, for a bullet weighing 7.5 g, to achieve muzzle velocities about 420 m/s without exceeding admissible values of maximal pressures in the chamber. Besides, functional shootings from various types of short and automatic weapons were performed, wherein the inventive ammunition showed reliable functioning.

It has been found that the mixtures of the invention, which contain tetrazene as the main explosive, show extraordinary handling safety. During burning of this mixture no development has been observed of any toxic combustion gases or compounds able to cause corrosion of the weapon.

Ignition mixtures created by combination of energy and pyrotechnic systems according to the mentioned essence of the invention are expressed by the following scheme:

data are presented in weight percentages

- high explosive

5 to 40 %

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- sensibilizer	5 to 40 %
- oxidizing agent	5 to 50 %
- boron	1 to 20 %
- friction agent	5 to 30 %
- possible bonding agent	0.1 to 5 %

Examples

The make is presented in weight percentages.

Example 1 – mixture without a bonding agent, suitable for handling when dry

tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
$4\text{BiNO}_3(\text{OH})_2\cdot\text{BiO}(\text{OH})$	36.4 %
B	3.6 %
ground glass	10 %

Example 2 – similar mixture with higher sensitivity

a) dry variant – without bonding agent	b) wet variant
tetrazene	35 %
penthrite	05 %
$4\text{BiNO}_3(\text{OH})_2\cdot\text{BiO}(\text{OH})$	18 %
B	2 %
glass	10 %
	tetrazene
	penthrite
	$4\text{BiNO}_3(\text{OH})_2\cdot\text{BiO}(\text{OH})$
	B
	acacia gum
	glass
	35 %
	05 %
	18 %
	2 %
	0.5 %
	19.5 %

Example 3 – similar mixture

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
$\text{BiONO}_3\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$	34 %
B	5.5 %
glass	10 %
	tetrazene
	tetryle
	$\text{BiONO}_3\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	B
	acacia gum
	25 %
	25 %
	34 %
	5.5 %
	0.5 %

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nitrocellulose	0.5 %	glass	10 %
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Example 4 – mixture with higher heating effect

a) dry variant – without bonding agent	b) wet variant
tetrazene	35 %
penthrite	15 %
CuO	34 %
B	6 %
glass	10 %
	tetrazene
	penthrite
	CuO
	B
	polyvinyl alcohol
	glass
	25 %
	25 %
	34 %
	5.5 %
	0.5 %
	10 %

Example 5

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	35 %
penthrite	15 %
Bi ₂ O ₃	36 %
B	3.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %
	tetrazene
	hexogene
	Bi ₂ O ₃
	B
	polyvinyl alcohol
	glass
	25 %
	25 %
	36 %
	3.5 %
	0.5 %
	10 %

Example 6

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	35 %
penthrite	15 %
MnO ₂	31.5 %
B	8 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %
	tetrazene
	tetryle
	MnO ₂
	B
	acacia gum
	glass
	25 %
	25 %
	31.5 %
	8 %
	0.5 %
	10 %

Example 7

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
	tetrazene
	penthrite
	25 %
	25 %

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ZnO	34 %	ZnO	34 %
B	5.5 %	B	5.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %	acacia gum	0.5 %
glass	10 %	glass	10 %

Example 8

only dry variant

tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
Fe ₂ O ₃	34 %
B	5.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 9

a) dry variant

tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
V ₂ O ₅	30 %
B	9.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

b) wet variant

tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
V ₂ O ₅	30 %
B	9.5 %
acacia gum	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 10

a) dry variant

tetrazene	35 %
penthrite	15 %
SnO ₂	34 %
B	5.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

b) wet variant

tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
SnO ₂	34 %
B	5.5 %
acacia gum	0.5 %
glass	10 %

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Example 11

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
MoO ₃	30 %
B	9.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 12

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
ZnO ₂	30 %
B	9.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 13**only dry variant**

tetrazene	25 %
hexogene	25 %
CaO ₂	30 %
B	9.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 14**only dry variant – mixture with higher heating effect**

tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
KNO ₃	33.5 %
B	6 %

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nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 15

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	35 %
penthrite	15 %
$\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$	31.5 %
B	8 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 16

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	35 %
penthrite	15 %
$\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$	27.5 %
B	12 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 17 – with highly reactive oxidizing agent

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %
BiO_2	33.5 %
B	6 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	10 %

Example 18 – analogous mixture

a) dry variant	b) wet variant
tetrazene	25 %

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penthrite	25 %	tetryle	25 %
Bi ₂ O ₅	33 %	Bi ₂ O ₅	33 %
B	6.5 %	B	6.5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %	acacia gum	0.5 %
glass	10 %	glass	10 %

Example 19 – a specific case where oxidizing agent works as auxiliary explosive

a) dry variant

b) wet variant

tetrazene	25 %	tetrazene	25 %
penthrite	25 %	hexogene	25 %
Sn ₂ O(NO ₃) ₂	32 %	Sn ₂ O(NO ₃) ₂	31.5 %
B	8 %	B	8 %
glass	10 %	acacia gum	0.5 %
		glass	10 %

Example 20

use of two oxidizing agents

tetrazene	30 %
penthrite	7.5 %
4BiONO ₃ (OH) ₂ .BiO(OH)	18 %
KNO ₃	17 %
B	5 %
nitrocellulose	0.5 %
glass	22 %

Industrial applicability

Mixtures that are in accordance with technical solution are utilizable in the field of ammunition production for the production of primers for central ignition cartridges intended for sports, hunting and practice purposes, or for shooting cartridges.

CLAIMS

1. A non-toxic and non-corrosive ignition mixture created by combining the energy system with the pyrotechnic system characterized by the fact that the mixture composed of the energy and pyrotechnic systems comprises 5 up to 40 weight percent of a high explosive, selected from the group of nitroesters and nitramines, 5 up to 40 weight percent of a sensibilizer, which is tetrazene or salts or derivates of tetrazoles, 5 up to 50 % of an oxidizing agent selected from the group of oxides and peroxides of metals or from the group of salts of inorganic oxygen-containing acids or from the group of complex salts, 1 up to 20 weight percent of boron as a fuel, 5 up to 30 weight percent of a friction agent and optionally 0,1 up to 5 weight percent of a bonding agent.
2. The mixture according to claim 1 characterized by the fact that the high explosive is selected from the group of nitroesters such as penthrite, hexanitromannite, nitrocellulose, or from the group of nitramines such as hexogene, octogene, tetryle.
3. The mixture according to claim 1 characterized by the fact that the fuel is amorphous boron with specific surface of 5 up to 25 m²/g.
4. The mixture according to claim 1 characterized by the fact that the oxidizing agent is selected from the group of metal oxides such as oxides of copper, zinc, bismuth, iron, manganese, tin, vanadium and molybdenum, or from the group of metal peroxides such as peroxides of zinc and calcium, or from the group of salts of inorganic oxygen-containing acids such as saltpetre, basic nitrates of bismuth, tin and copper, or from the group of complex salts such as diammo-copper nitrate.
5. The mixture according to claim 1 characterized by the fact that the bonding agents are nitrocellulose, polyvinyl alcohol or acacia gum.

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6. The mixture according to claims 2 and 5 characterized by the fact that nitrocellulose applied in the organic solvent such as acetone functions, at the same time, as the bonding agent and energy component.
7. The mixture according to claim 1 characterized by the fact that the friction agent is ground glass.

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Non-toxic and non-corrosive ignition mixture

Technical field

The invention concerns the field of ammunition production, especially the production of ignition mixtures for hunting and sports ammunition.

Background Art

All sorts of known ignition mixtures, which are presently used, i.e. both already dated mixtures based on mercuric fulminate, calcium chlorate and antimony sulphide, and newer non-corrosive mixtures based on tetrazene, lead trinitroresorcinate, lead dioxide, calcium silicide and antimony sulphide, emit during discharge a large amount of toxic heavy metals and they do not meet the environmental standards. That is why an extensive research has been carried out in the last ten years with an aim to develop a mixture that would not contain compounds of heavy metals such as lead, barium, mercury, antimony, and, at the same time, would retain non-corrosive properties of tricinane mixtures. The result is a mixture in which an aromatic diazo compound without metal content – dinol – fulfills the function of a primary explosive and tetrazene remains as a sensitizer. The pyrotechnic system is in this case composed of a new oxidizing agent, zinc peroxide and titanium powder. The mixture can contain also other components such as friction agents, typically ground glass, and active propellants such as various sorts of nitrocellulose and nitroglycerine powders.

Mixtures based on dinol are also known in which basically only the pyrotechnic system is modified. Oxidizing agents used include various oxides of metals – potassium nitrate, strontium nitrate, basic nitrates of copper and copper-ammonium nitrate and tin compounds. Neither these mixtures are a final solution. The basic problem here is the primary explosive itself – dinol. It is a carcinogenic compound with very unpleasant physiological effects. That is why there have been noted attempts to avoid dinol completely. EP 0656332 A1, in which the mixture is based only on pyrotechnic system and does not contain any explosive, offers one such solution. Here, the propellant is a hyperactive zircon powder, the oxidizing agent is a mixture of potassium nitrate and manganese dioxide, and the energy component is penthrite.

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